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1. During the month of May 1949, the Yugoslav and Macedonian Communist Parties announced that all Slavo-Macedonians and so-called Aegean Macedonians presently residing in Macedonia are to be considered ethnically the same, and that they will no longer be permitted to affiliate themselves with separate organizations such as the Popular Aegean Bureau (NAK). In place of the NAK, this announcement required them to join the following Macedonian organizations:

- a. Popular Front (NF)
- b. Macedonian Communist Party (KPM)
- c. Macedonian Youth Organization (NOJ)

2. The exception to the above requirement was that Slavo-Macedonian members of the NF or KPM numbering more than 12 in any given place will be permitted to form a separate group of their respective organization known as Aegean Group. Aegean groups were set up in Bitolj, Ovce Polje, Skoplje, Prilep, Strumica and Kavadarci to include Slavo-Macedonian refugees living in these areas. In this connection, the Politburo of the KPM, during the first weeks of June, authorized the formation of an Aegean Ashtis (Sector) composed of group committees under three heads: Elias Dimakis (alias Gotsev), Demetrios Tourountzief and Tsacusev (fnu).

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